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**Ephesians 6:1-4**  
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**Wisdom for Families**

Group Leader Guide

**Sermon Recap**

Pastor Jason's sermon "Wisdom for Families" focuses on the importance of wise leadership in Christian families. This message underscores the necessity of building Christ-centered homes, where children are disciplined, and relationships are prioritized. Ultimately, Pastor Jason emphasizes that wise leadership in families is crucial for fulfilling God's mission and blessing the community.

**Discussion Questions**

What is the importance of wise leadership in Christian families?

- Pastor Jason discussed the vital role of wise leadership in creating a loving, orderly, and godly homes.
- How can you implement wise leadership in your own family or leadership relationships to create a Christ-centered environment?

In I Timothy 3:4, what is the key indicator of a pastor or elder's ability to lead a church?

- Paul explains that leading one's household is a key indicator of a pastor or elder's ability to lead a church.
- How can you apply this principle of leading a household to your own life or future leadership roles, whether in church or elsewhere?

What does Genesis 18:19 teach about the role of parents in raising their children?

- Abraham's example in Genesis 18:19 demonstrates the importance of parents raising their children to keep the Lord's ways, practice righteousness, and justice.
- How can you ensure you are directing your children or others you lead to follow God's ways or instill values of righteousness and justice since they must decide to do this themselves?

Why is obedience important for children as discussed in Ephesians 6?

- Paul addresses children directly in Ephesians 6, emphasizing the need for obedience, not just for the benefit of their parents, but because it is what God desires for them.

- How can you encourage obedience in children around you, and how does this apply to your own relationship with God?

What does 'honoring your father and mother' mean beyond obedience, and why is it significant?

- Paul emphasizes the importance of honoring parents, which goes beyond obedience and involves showing respect and appreciation. It is the first commandment with a promise, that it may go well with the person and they may live long on the earth.
- How do you currently honor your parents or guardians, and what improvements can you make in showing them respect and appreciation?

### Prayer Prompts

- • Ask God to help you to lead with wisdom and love.
- • Pray for strength to disciple your children or others and guide them in His ways.
- • Seek support for remaining faithful and nurturing relationships within your family.

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### **Teaching Notes:**

Just as there are roles & responsibilities in marriage...  
...there are roles & responsibilities in families.

**Big idea: A godly Christian family requires wise leadership.**

Exodus 13:14 So it shall be, when your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What *is* this?' that you shall say to him, 'By strength of hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage

Malachi explains God's heart for families further in 2:14.  
Faithful marriages are important in raising godly children.

About Abraham God said...

Genesis 18:19 For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him."

Married or not, kids or not...

You are a part of a family & you are a part of THIS spiritual family.

6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: 3 “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”

### **1. Children are to be disciplined.**

Discipling kids is different than adults because kids are different.

1. Kids are moldable
2. Kids are vulnerable
3. Kids are unique
4. Kids are not little adults
5. Kids are the future

When a family has a wise walk worthy of their identity in Christ...

### **2. Children obey parents.**

In the Lord: Obedience is what God desires children to do...  
...so obedience should be what God desires for them too.

### **3. Parents don't obey kids.**

They understand & care for kids.

### **4. Obedience is not the end goal.**

God is not looking for robots but relationships...

Rules without relationship brings rebellion.

What about when obedience is not going well...

### **5. Change it up; don't give up.**

Just like the Christian life...

...Parenting even leadership is not about perfection...

...it is about faithfulness & relationship.

But when obedience is not going well here are some ideas...

1. Check your motives.
2. Make sure instructions are clear.
3. Explain the why at their level.
4. Be patient with their process of growth.
5. Examine the hill you want to die on.
6. Give consequences that are clear and appropriate.
7. Ask the Lord & wise believers for counsel.

Next Paul says honor your parents...

2 "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: 3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

## **6. Honor brings blessing.**

If we want a land that is blessed...

- ...we should strengthen our families...
- ...w/obedient children
- ...and by showing honor to our parents.